



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman Carlson and Members of the Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: Forming our Future – the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update
Sammamish High School Planning Presentations

As part of the Comprehensive Plan update process, the city worked with Sammamish High School to support their project of planning for Bellevue neighborhoods. The project was completed by more than seventy small teams comprising the entire ninth grade class. At the Planning Commission meeting, a select number of the student teams will present their work to the Commission.

The project assignment consisted of investigating models of urban planning and researching the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan. Student teams selected one of three neighborhood areas – Eastgate, Lake Hills, or Newport Hills – to analyze and study. They evaluated maps of the areas, interviewed community members, and ultimately develop their own planning recommendations for how to enhance the area. City staff are impressed with the students findings and looks forward to having these presentations influence the update of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Please note: As a special presentation to the Planning Commission, these student presentations are scheduled to occur from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The regular Planning Commission meeting will commence following a short break after the student presentations.